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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My resident, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **SINTERED SILICON CARBIDE BODIES WITH OPTIMISED TRIBOLOGICAL PROPERTIES FOR THE SLIDE AND SEALING SURFACES THEREOF**, in the specification of which

() is attached hereto.

(X) was filed on _____ as application Serial No. 10/525,131

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a).

FOREIGN PRIORITY APPLICATIONS

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

			<u>Priority Claimed</u>
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(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	
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U.S. PRIORITY APPLICATIONS

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to

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disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

PCT/EP2003/009748 September 2, 2003 pending
(Serial No.) (Filing date) (Status-patented/pending/abandoned)

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